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Supervisor Biane sworn in, sets goals for second term

SAN BERNARDINO - Second District Supervisor Paul Biane took the oath of office on Monday in front of hundreds gathered at the County Government Center.

Biane was re-elected to a second term in the June 2006 primary election. The Supervisor will focus on a slate of goals ranging from improving public safety to enhancing economic development during his next four years in office.

"This Board has increased the number of deputies on patrol in our unincorporated areas, we've added funding for firefighters, and we've invested in crime-fighting programs such as the District Attorney's Identity Theft Unit and Probation's electronic monitoring of convicted sex offenders," Biane said. "During the next four years, we will continue those efforts while looking for new ways to ensure the safety of all of our residents."

The Supervisor, who lead the charge for the County's "Opportunity, California" marketing campaign, also plans to continue making economic development a top priority.

"Bringing new businesses and high-paying jobs to our County is imperative to our future economic success," Biane said. "We want our residents to live, work and play right here in San Bernardino County."

Other goals Supervisor Biane intends to pursue during his second term include:

- Improve transportation infrastructure, including working to ensure the County gets its fair share of the \$20 billion Prop. 1B will generate and that the County's own Measure I money is used wisely.
- Analyze the need for County offices in the High Desert so the County can meet the needs of First District residents.
- Continue investing in cities and communities by providing residents with community centers, libraries, parks, sidewalks and other public improvements.
- Work to improve health care for indigent and uninsured residents, including consolidating facilities and services offered by Public Health, Behavioral Health, and ARMC to provide better and more cost-effective care.
- Create a more open and transparent County government by posting campaign disclosure documents and Board of Supervisors meeting on the Web.

Supervisor Biane also pledged to end political divineness on the Board of Supervisors and to work together with other Board members for the betterment of all County residents.

"I think it's time for us to look toward the future as we continue moving this County forward," Biane said.

The Second District encompasses about 315 square miles and includes the cities of Upland, Rancho Cucamonga and Fontana as well as the unincorporated areas of Lytle Creek, Fontana, San Antonio Heights, Mt. Baldy, West Cajon, Devore and the Crestline mountain communities.